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Mr. Steve Ritchie
Acting Executive Director
Cal Fed Bay Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

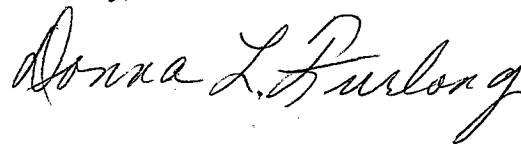
Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Cal Fed plans to convert nearly a quarter of a million acres of farmland to habitat and other uses. The environmental impact of that conversion should be thoroughly studied. Cal Fed should also study the impact of taking that much farmland out of production. People should count too. How many hungry mouths would that feed?

To maintain productive and wildlife-friendly farms, farmers need reliable and affordable water. Cal Fed should be moving more aggressively toward developing new water storage that provides adequate yield. Without adequate storage, water will be taken from farms for the homes of California's growing population. That growing population also needs to eat.

Cal Fed should hold public hearings so citizens have an opportunity to comment and to understand how it will affect people.

Sincerely,



Donna L. Furlong
President, Marin County Farm Bureau